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Letter dated 28 March 2001 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1132 (1997) concerning Sierra Leone addressed to the President of the Security Council

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1132 (1997) concerning Sierra Leone, I would like to inform you that the Committee, at its 16th and 18th meetings, held on 9 August and 29 September 2000, respectively, examined a request from the Government of Sierra Leone, submitted in compliance with paragraph 2 of resolution 1306 (2000), concerning a proposed new mining, export and monitoring regime for rough and uncut diamonds from Sierra Leone, together with a draft new forgery-proof Certificate of Origin document. The Government of Sierra Leone also indicated that, after a trial period of approximately 90 days, it would inform the Committee of the effectiveness of the new regime. In this regard, and in accordance with paragraph 5 of resolution 1306 (2000), the Committee, after careful consideration of the aforementioned request, had no objection to the procedures outlined by the Government of Sierra Leone. Furthermore, the Chairman, on 6 October 2000, addressed a letter to the President of the Security Council informing him of the Committee's decision (S/2000/966). Additional information submitted by the Government of Sierra Leone, concerning the new certification regime for the export of Sierra Leone diamonds and the first review of the new Certificate of Origin regime for the trade in Sierra Leone diamonds, was forwarded to the President of the Security Council by the Chairman on 4 December 2000 and 12 February 2001 (S/2000/1151 and S/2001/127, respectively).

In this connection, the Committee, at its 21st meeting, held on 21 March 2001, felt that, in view of the above-mentioned communications, as well as the opinion expressed in section I.F of the report of the Panel of Experts on Sierra Leone diamonds and arms, the new Certificate of Origin for the trade in Sierra Leone diamonds is effectively in operation. The Committee intends to pursue further several issues relating to the operation of the certification regime directly with the Government of Sierra Leone.

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In accordance with paragraph 5 of Security Council resolution 1306 (2000), the Committee would appreciate it if this letter be brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Anwarul Karim **Chowdhury**
Chairman
Security Council Committee established pursuant to
resolution 1132 (1997) concerning Sierra Leone

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Letter dated 30 March 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Guinea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

With regard to the ninth report of the Secretary-General on Sierra Leone, more particularly paragraphs 88 to 90 of chapter VIII, my Government has instructed me to draw the attention of the Security Council to its interest in ensuring the conditions for repatriating Sierra Leonean refugees to Sierra Leone.

This operation will require the cooperation of UNAMSIL, which, within the framework of its mandate, could consider deploying its forces in the security zones that could receive the refugees in Sierra Leonean territory.

The Republic of Guinea, which for a decade has borne the weight of a massive presence of refugees in its territory, is determined to provide its full cooperation in order to ensure the success of such an operation.

The Guinean Government is convinced that the execution of the operation, as foreseen, will make it possible to ensure the security of the border areas where the refugees as well as humanitarian personnel are living.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) François L. **Fall**
Ambassador

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Letter dated 29 March 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to report to you on the steps taken by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in implementation of paragraphs 5, 8, 10 and 11 of Security Council resolution 1333 (2000) of 19 December 2000.

Given the commitment of Saudi Arabia to the Charter of the United Nations and its belief that there is a duty to cooperate fully with the United Nations for the implementation of the resolutions of the Security Council, the Government of Saudi Arabia wishes to inform the Council as follows:

1. There is no cooperation of any kind in the military, commercial or aviation fields between the Government of Saudi Arabia and the Taliban Government.

2. There are no Taliban offices in the territory of Saudi Arabia.

3. The mission of Saudi Arabia to Afghanistan is located in Pakistan.

4. The number of staff at the mission of Afghanistan to Saudi Arabia is very small, and the movements of such staff members are known to the Saudi authorities.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Fawzi Bin Abdul Majeed **Shobokshi**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Letter dated 29 March 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to report to you on the action taken by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in implementation of Security Council resolution 1306 (2000), in accordance with its paragraph 7 (a).

Given the commitment of Saudi Arabia to the Charter of the United Nations and its belief that there is a duty to cooperate fully with the United Nations for the implementation of the resolutions of the Security Council, the Government of Saudi Arabia wishes to inform the Council that, on 17 July 2000, it took the necessary measures to prohibit the direct or indirect import of all rough diamonds from Sierra Leone to its territory except for those controlled by the Government of Sierra Leone through the Certificate of Origin regime.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Fawzi Bin Abdul Majeed **Shobokshi**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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